(c) The Central Government have no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

HIV/AIDS in the Country

1146. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India ranks with estimated 3.97 million next to South Africa in the total number of people living with HIV/AIDS in the world;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto alongwith the number of AIDS cases increased during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are spending crores of rupees for the AIDS awareness campaign all over the country; and

(d) if so, how far these awareness campaign helped in containing this most dreaded disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

India ranks second to South Africa in the total number of people living with HIV/AIDS. The overall prevalence rate of HIV infection is 0.8% in adult age group 15-49 years, as compared to 20.1% in South Africa. Because of the population size, even a small increase in prevalence rate generates large numbers of total HIV infections.

However, the nationwide HIV sentinel surveillance conducted by National AIDS Control Organisation reveals that the HIV infection is confined not only to high risk populations like commercial sex workers, injecting drug users and men having sex with men, but that the spread of HIV has percolated into the general population and is spreading from urban to rural areas. A statement indicating state-wise reported AIDS cases during the last three years is annexed. (*see* below)

The annual budget allocation for the AIDS awareness campaign during year 2002-2003 is Rs. 32 crores of which Rs. 20.5 crores is for activities assigned to the states and UTs and Rs. 11.5 crores is spent by the National AIDS Contro' Organisation.

Awareness generation is a key component of prevention activities. Studies all over the world have demonstrated that concise and accurate knowledge about the nature of the disease does eventually promote behaviour change. There is also no doubt about the fact that, particularly in case of HIV/AIDS, ignorance can kill. Awareness generation along with other strategies and service delivery components of the National AIDS Control Programme are together attempting to contain and arrest the spread of the epidemic.

The Nationwide baseline Behavioural Surveillance Survey (BSS) conducted in 2001 revealed that 76% of the population aged 15-49 years had heard of AIDS. It has also been observed that awareness about HIV/AIDS has increased from 40.3% among females (1998: National Family Health Survey) to 70% (2001: Behavioural Surveillance Survey).

Statement

Details of reported AIDS cases during the last three years (1999 to 2001)

S.No.	State	1999	2000	2001
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	9	8
2	Andhra Pradesh	2	485	732
3	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
4	Assam	11	62	30
5	Bihar	0	36	63
6	Chandigarh	124	114	189
7	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0
8	Daman and Diu	0	0	0
9	Delhi	0	64	358
10	Goa	7	10	46
11	Gujarat	1	245	877
12	Haryana	0	47	141
13	Himachal Pradesh	16	15	51
14	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0
15	Karnataka	47	541	516
16	Kerala	0	56	105
17	Lakshadweep	0	0	0
18	Madhya Pradesh	116	294	139

S.No.	State	1999	2000	2001
19	Maharashtra	64	348	2728
20	Manipur	61	364	307
21	Meghalaya	0	0	0
22	Mizoram	7	3	5
23	Nagaland	19	51	131
24	Orissa	0	52	28
25	Pondicherry	0	0	0
26	Punjab	52	31	4
27	Rajasthan	27	106	136
28	Sikkim	0	0	2
29	Tamil Nadu	2730	4206	6484
30	Tripura	0	0	0
31	Uttar Pradesh	41	93	202
32	West Bengal	0	0	668
33	Ahmedabad Munci. Corpn.	0	0	189
	TOTAL	3325	7232	14139

Health Programmes Funded by WHO in Rajasthan

1147. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of health programmes schemes for which the World Health Organisation is providing financial assistance to Jaipur region of Rajasthan during the last three years, scheme-wise and fund-wise;

(b) whether the funds allocated by the WHO are fully and properly utilized;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.